

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office action dated February 8, 2007, where the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). In the present amendment, claims 1, 10, and 16 have been amended. Claims 3 and 12 have previously been withdrawn. The amendments do not introduce new matter and are fully supported by the specification. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20 are pending in the present application with claims 1, 10, and 16 being the independent claims. Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20 in view of the amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

A. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20 Under 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious with respect to Meringer (US 2003/0002007) in view of Griffin (U.S. Pat. No. 6,873,317).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because the combination of Griffin with Meringer does not achieve all the elements of the claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20.

Independent claims 1, 10, and 16 have been amended to recite that the substantially rectangular numeric keypad includes a plurality of phone number input keys arranged in a rectangular configuration for entering phone numbers centered below, and distinct from, the left and right sets of one or more rows of input keys. This further distinguishes claims 1, 10, and 16 from Griffin, which shows combination number and letter keys 1/Q, 2/W, 3/E, 4/R, 5/T, 6/Y, 7/U, 8/I, 9/O, 0/P that are at the top of and part of Griffin's keyboard. Griffin's combination number and letter keys 1/Q, 2/W, 3/E, 4/R, 5/T, 6/Y, 7/U, 8/I, 9/O, 0/P at the top of and part of Griffin's keyboard are not a

substantially rectangular numeric keypad including a plurality of phone number input keys arranged in a rectangular configuration for entering phone numbers centered below, and distinct from, the left and right sets of one or more rows of input keys. Meringer adds nothing in regard to the missing features of Griffin.

Because the combination of Griffin with Meringer does not achieve all the elements of independent claims 1, 10, and 16, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Because the dependent claims add further limitations to independent claims 1, 10, and 16, the dependent claims should also be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully does not acquiesce to any of the positions set forth in the Office Action of February 8, 2007.

B. Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-20 pending in the present application is respectfully requested. If necessary, applicant requests, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application and to charge the fees for a large entity under 37 CFR

1.17(a). The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) or credit any overpayment(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-3001 of Kyocera Wireless Corp.

Respectfully Submitted,

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